WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A grid cover for engaging and covering the open top of a vase, said grid cover being elastomeric and defining a plurality of openings when engaged with the open top of the vase.

2. The device according to Claim 1, wherein said grid cover conforms to the open top of the vase when engaged with the open top of the vase.

3. The device according to Claim 1, wherein said grid cover has a planar top surface and a peripheral wall that extends downwardly from said planar top surface.

4. The device according to Claim 3, wherein said plurality of openings are disposed in said planar top surface.

5. The device according to Claim 4, wherein said plurality of openings are symmetrically disposed throughout said planar top surface.

6. The device according to Claim 4, wherein said plurality of openings are arranged in linear rows and columns.

7. The device according to Claim 4, wherein said plurality of openings are slots that enlarge when said grid cover is stretched.

8. The device according to Claim 1, wherein said elastomeric material is translucent.

9. The device according to Claim 1, wherein said grid cover has a circular peripheral shape.

10. The device according to Claim 1, wherein said grid cover has a polygonal peripheral shape.

11. An assembly, comprising:

a container having an open top end;

an elastomeric cover element for covering said open top end, wherein said cover element is smaller than said open top end and must be stretched over said open top end, said cover element defining a plurality of

openings therethrough.

12. The assembly according to Claim 11, wherein said cover element conforms to the open top of the vase when engaged with the open top of the vase.

13. The assembly according to Claim 11, wherein said cover element has a planar top surface and a peripheral wall that extends downwardly from said planar top surface.

14. The assembly according to Claim 13, wherein said plurality of openings are arranged in linear rows and columns.

15. The assembly according to Claim 13, wherein said plurality of openings are slots that enlarge when said cover element is stretched.

16. The assembly according to Claim 11, wherein said cover element is translucent.

17. The assembly according to Claim 11, wherein

said cover element has a circular peripheral shape.

18. The assembly according to Claim 11, wherein said cover element has a polygonal peripheral shape.

19. A method of preparing a vase for a floral arrangement, comprising the steps of:

providing an elastomeric cover, containing a plurality of openings therein;

stretching said cover over said vase, wherein said cover engages said vase;

inserting elements of a floral arrangement through said plurality of openings and into said vase.

20. The method according to Claim 19, wherein said cover has a planar top surface and a peripheral wall that extends downwardly from said planar top surface, wherein said plurality of openings are arranged in linear rows and columns.

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